

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-26 remain pending. Claims 1, 11, 16, 21, and 24 are independent.

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED

Applicant thanks the Examiner for conducting an interview with the Applicant's representative on April 15, 2004.

SCOPE OF CLAIMS NOT ALTERED

Claims have been amended merely to address informal issues and to enhance clarity.

§ 103 REJECTION - ILG, GILBERT

Claims 1-4, 6-18, and 20-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Ilg et al. (USPN 4,829,297, hereinafter "Ilg") in view of Gilbert et al. (USPN 5,297,144) (hereinafter "Gilbert"). Applicants respectfully traverse.

During the interview conducted on April 15, 2004, it was agreed that claims 1-10, without amendments, are allowable over the combination of the Ilg and Gilbert references.

Independent claims 11, 16, 21, and 24 have been amended to clarify the claims. As discussed during the interview, at best, Ilg discloses a polling request only. Therefore, Ilg cannot be relied upon to teach or suggest a refresh request and a polling request as recited in independent claims 11, 16, 21, and 24. Gilbert was not relied upon to correct at least the deficiencies of Ilg. Therefore, these independent claims are distinguishable over the combination of the Ilg and Gilbert references.

Claims 12-15, 17-18, 22-23 and 25-26 depend from these independent claims directly or indirectly. Therefore, for at least the reasons stated above with respect to independent claims 11, 16, and 24, these dependent claims are also distinguishable over the combination of Ilg and Gilbert.

Applicants respectfully request that the §103 rejection of claims 1-4, 6-18, and 20-26 based on a combination of Ilg and Gilbert be withdrawn.

§ 103 REJECTION - ILG, GILBERT, DAVIS

Claims 5 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Ilg in view of Gilbert and in further view of Davis et al. (USPN 4,363,093, hereinafter "Davis"). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Regarding claim 5, it was agreed that the claim is allowable over the combination of Ilg and Gilbert.

Regarding claim 19, it is noted that claim 19 depends from independent claim 16. It has been shown above that claim 16 is distinguishable over the combination of Ilg and Gilbert. Davis has not been relied upon to correct for at least this deficiency of Ilg and Gilbert. Therefore, claim 16 is distinguishable over the combination of Ilg, Gilbert and Davis. For at least due to its dependency thereon, claim 19 is also distinguishable over the combination of Ilg, Gilbert and Davis as well as on its own merits.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 5 and 19 based on a combination of Ilg, Gilbert and Davis be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Hyung Sohn (Reg. No. 44,346), to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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